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Dear Sir or Madam:

We regret to inform you that your request for refund dated 05/13/03 in the amount of \$280.00 covering a fee for application serial number 10/018708 cannot be authorized. Please refer to the box checked below.

- ( ) Small entity status fee not refundable. The time has expired for refund of this fee. A refund based on establishment of small entity status may only be obtained if a verified statement under 37 CFR 1.27 and a request for refund of the excess amount are filed within two months of timely payment of the full fee (37 CFR 1.28).
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- ~~( )~~ No refund is due. The charge of \$280.00 is correct as filed for multiple dependent claims. A copy of the RAM Fee History Query is attached. Check submitted on 12/13/01 included \$890.00 basic filing fee, \$306.00 for dependent claims and \$252.00 for independent claims totaling \$1448.00.

Any further questions concerning this refund, should be directed Barbara Campbell 703 305-3631.

Sincerely,

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